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## General Comment

A creative way to finance these mandates would be to allow farmers to gain tax credits from "non farm" income to use for improvements such as fencing. Not tax "write offs" but actual tax credits. The credits could be transferable so as an example:

Farmer Jojn needs a fence to hide the creek from the cattle. He has low income and low cash. Lawyer/Envrionmentalists "Bill" makes a lot of money. He puts in a fence for Farmer John with his "tax credit" and sells the fence to farmer John for whatever he can afford. His sale price would come out of his credit, and farmer john would be able to write off whatever he paid to Bill for the fence.

The government does in effect does pay for the fence but it is spread out all over the place. The fence gets done sooner , the water gets clean sooner and the costs savings of cleanup will more than pay for the fence over the long run.

This way envrionmentalists can put their money where their mouth is and farmers will not be bankrupted by government intrusion into their constituional rights.

